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Dear Professor Brachet:

I had a pleasant nostalgia to read your brief memoir (in ms. for The Scientist) about the cytochemistry of RNA.

You said you worked this out "around 1939". Can you not be more precise? The publication I know about was presented at the meeting, 30 November 1939, in Brussels and published in 1940. I did not hear of it until 1942 or 1943. I marvel that the C.R. Soc. Biol. continued publication with so little interruption. Did Caspersson demonstrate RNA in the nucleolus before 1940? By what method? *

Have you written any more extensive autobiographical memoir?

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
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* I suppose
Feulgen-negative }
UV-absorption }
was diagnostic of
RNA.

*I recall meeting you 40 years ago
at the C.S.H. symposium*

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